മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാക്കു ശിപായിമാരേക്കാൾ ശമ്പളം കൂടുതലുള്ളതു കൊണ്ടു കൊടുക്കുന്നില്ല എന്നു പറഞ്ഞ സ്ഥിതിക്കു് അവർക്കല്ലേ കൂടുതൽ അലവൻസു് കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ. പി. വി. സുബ്രഹ്മണ്യയ്യർ.—അലവൻസു കൊടുക്കുന്ന കാര്യത്തിൽ ഇതു ശമ്പളത്തിനു് ഇതു അലവൻസു് എന്നു സർക്കാരിൽ നിന്നു് ഒരു തീരുമാനം വെക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ല. ഏകദേശം ഒരുപോലെയിരിക്കും. അല്ലാതെ അറുത്തുമുറിച്ചു പറയുവാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—ശിപായിമാക്കും കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാക്കും തമ്മിൽ,ഒരാൾക്കു കൊടുക്കുവാനും മറ്റുള്ളവർക്കു കൊടുക്കാതിരിക്കുവാനുമുള്ള അടിസ്ഥാനവ്യത്യാസമെന്താണു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. സുബ്രഹ്മണ്യയ്യർ.—കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാക്കു ശമ്പളക്കൂടുതലുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—അതിനേക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ ശമ്പളമുള്ളവർക്കു കൊടുക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ലെ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. സുബ്രഹ്മണ്യയ്യർ.—കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാക്കും ബത്തയുണ്ടു്; താലൂക്കു വിട്ടു പുറത്തു പോയാലേ ഉള്ളു.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ—ശിപായിമാക്കോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. സുബ്രഹ്മണ്യയ്യർ.—അവർക്കു ഫ്രീസ്ഡക്ഷൻ ഇല്ല.

Appointment of additional hands—Maharaja's College.

375. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government intend to appoint additional hands among the staff of the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam;

(b) if so, in what groups and their grade?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Not at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—With the reopening of the College for the next academic year, is there any intention of appointing additional hands?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Landing duties—collection by contractor.

376. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) if they are aware that notwithstanding the assurance given by the Diwan Peishkar at the last budget session the ferry contractor of Karupadanna is still collecting a landing dues of

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4 pies from every passenger alighting at Karupadanna by the motor line boats and other private boats not employed by or at the instance of the contractor?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon—Some complaints have been received. The matter is beingenquired into.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—May I know the nature of the complaints?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon—There have been many complaints. With special reference to this question the complaint was that the contractor was collecting 4 pies from every passenger, and I am enquiring into the matter.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—How long was this matter under enquiry?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon—It came to my notice along with certain other complaints that came to me. There are difficulties there. I have found for myself that the water there, is very shallow and the line boats cannot touch at the jetty. The line boats only come up to a certain place and beyond there the boats of the contractor are used. Supposing his boats are used in that intervening space I doubt whether he will not be justified in collecting the landing dues. These and other questions I am enquiring into and hope to pass definite orders soon.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—May I know if other boats are used by the contractor is right in collecting the dues?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon—I am enquiring into it including the construction of the agreement, and I hope to pass final orders very soon.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Is the Diwan Peishkar aware that the matter was brought to the notice of the Government through a cut motion? The Diwan Peishkar then assured that the matter would be looked into. Nothing has been done in the matter up till now.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon—I looked through the Council Proceedings. My predecessor was of the opinion that the contractor is perfectly within his rights. I entertain doubts in the matter, and I am going to reconsider the matter in the light of the agreement itself.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government have any objection to put up a notice board to the effect that he should not collect any dues from persons alighting there by private boats?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon—That is exactly what I am investigating.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—How long will this matter take for a final decision?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I can expedite it within a month. I have already served a registered notice on him for explanation.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will you ask him to refund the amount in case it is found that he is not within his rights?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The question of refund is another matter.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—The contractor is collecting the money as if authorized by the Government. If it is found that he is not within his rights, it is extortion of public money and you can demand a refund.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—My predecessor has taken the view that the contractor is right in demanding dues from the passengers. I have received some complaints and I am going to reconsider the whole matter in the light of the agreement and all that and if I find it otherwise I shall order so. The question of refund requires another enquiry, and I may say that it is very difficult to get statistics as to the number of persons that alight there and all that. I fear it will be a futile enquiry.

Cochin registered motor vehicles and their entry to British India.

377. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the attempt of the Government of Madras to restore tolls abolished by the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act 1931;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any steps to do away with the inconvenience and loss now suffered by owners of motor vehicles registered *in Cochin only* and who have occasionally to cross the British Frontier?

(c) have the Government noticed that the attempted restoration of tolls on vehicles refers only to vehicles, 'other than motor vehicles';

(d) have not *Cochin Government-owned* motor vehicles had to pay registration fee when they were found in British India (Chonoor or Ootty);

(e) have not, at least half a dozen Heads of departments of the Cochin State, to cross the British frontier if they want to go to Chittur Taluk from Trichur by car;

(f) do any of them own cars;

(g) had any of them adopted the land route using motor vehicles to go to the Chittur Taluk in 1103?

(h) have those who have, got registered their cars in British India;

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